

84TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2484

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 1955

Mr. McCARTHY (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare

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## A BILL

To provide for a Federal Advisory Council of Health in the Executive Office of the President in accordance with the recommendations of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That there is hereby established in the Executive Office of  
4       the President a Federal Advisory Council of Health (herein-  
5       after referred to as the "Council") to be composed of —  
6       persons who are members of the medical profession and —  
7       persons with distinguished records in fields other than medi-  
8       cine, to be appointed by the President, and to hold office  
9       at his pleasure. Each member of the Council shall receive

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1 \$50 per diem when engaged in the actual performance of  
2 his duties, plus reimbursement for travel, subsistence, and  
3 other necessary expenses incurred by him in the performance  
4 of such duties.

5 SEC. 2. (a) The Council shall—

6 First. Make a continuous evaluation of and recom-  
7 mendations as to policies and programs relating to Federal  
8 medical care and national health.

9 Second. Advise on measures to assure adequate health  
10 manpower and hospital facilities for the Nation's health.

11 Third. Review the various proposals and programs re-  
12 lating to hospital construction involving Federal funds, in-  
13 cluding Federal grants.

14 Fourth. Advise with respect to the coordination of  
15 regional hospital services of all departments and agencies in  
16 the executive branch of the Government.

17 Fifth. Advise with respect to more systematic cross-  
18 servicing between the various Federal medical agencies.

19 Sixth. Advise upon measures for the adequate training  
20 and selection of the medical staffs of all Federal services.

21 Seventh. Advise the executive departments and agen-  
22 cies on all Federal medical policies and programs.

23 Eighth. Advise the Selective Service System on the  
24 mobilization of medical personnel.

1 Ninth. Advise concerning systems of project grants for  
2 health research programs of the Federal Government.

3 Tenth. Report periodically to the President and to the  
4 executive departments and agencies involved, on the success  
5 or failure of Federal health programs and policies.

6 Eleventh. Report to the President and advise the  
7 Bureau of the Budget and the Congress with respect to such  
8 matters as they may request.

9 Twelfth. Assist the Secretary of Defense to develop  
10 recommendations for revision of the Selective Service Act,  
11 as amended, so as to effect maximum utilization of medical  
12 personnel.

13 Thirteenth. Advise the Administrator of the Veterans'  
14 Administration with respect to recommendations for closing  
15 certain hospitals belonging to such Administration.

16 Fourteenth. Review the manner in which the hospital  
17 facilities of the Veterans' Administration are being used  
18 and make recommendations for the disposal or more eco-  
19 nomic utilization of such facilities.

20 Fifteenth. Advise the President, or any committee estab-  
21 lished or designated by him, with respect to the policies,  
22 programs, and operations of the Food and Drug Administra-  
23 tion and the Agricultural Research Service in the Depart-  
24 ment of Agriculture, with a view to eliminating those which

1 are no longer necessary under present conditions and elimi-  
2 nating conflicts and overlapping of jurisdiction and functions  
3 between departments.

4 Sixteenth. Make recommendations to improve pre-  
5 ventive health services, including those rendered in connec-  
6 tion with medical care of Federal beneficiaries, in the  
7 interests of both health conservation and long-range economy.

8 Seventeenth. Review and make recommendations to the  
9 President with respect to the health research programs of  
10 the Federal Government.

11 Eighteenth. Examine the means of establishing coopera-  
12 tive planning among the Federal agencies which provide  
13 psychiatric care.

14 Nineteenth. Serve as consultant to the President's ad-  
15 viser on personnel with respect to making more uniform  
16 the personnel systems of the several Federal agencies using  
17 health personnel.

18 (b) The Council is authorized to make such rules and  
19 regulations as may be necessary to carry out its functions  
20 under this Act.

21 SEC. 3. The head of each executive department and  
22 independent establishment in the executive branch of the  
23 Government is authorized and directed to cooperate with  
24 the Council to the fullest practicable extent and to furnish

1 the Council with such information and data as it may from  
2 time to time request.

3 SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated,  
4 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropri-  
5 ated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the  
6 provisions of this Act.

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